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Monthly Report -- Key West Bureau				
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3 May 1988

MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Key West Bureau--April 1988

I. GENERAL

The bureau chief visited Haiti this month for the first time since we started our operation there last June. Ambassador McKinley and the political officer both praised our product and volunteered that they could not imagine covering events in Haiti without the daily take from our contractor, [REDACTED] While there, we also checked on local reception of Santo Domingo and Kingston, two cities we have considerable difficulty hearing in Key West. Initial results were not promising. STAT

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The Cuban media this month appeared to be paying more attention than usual to events in Angola. In one of the more startling reports, Havana radio and TV detailed how a Cuban unit had accidentally shot down one of their own planes, killing all 26 aboard including a brigadier general who was also a Central Committee member and vice minister of the armed forces. In other Angolan-related events, Havana TV showed particularly good footage of a captured South African tank which a Cuban soldier said did not meet the requirements for modern warfare except for the fact that it was big and intimidating. The report caught the eye of our friends in the US Forces Caribbean who came down to watch the program and who later wrote an article for their own weekly assessment. The role of women in Angola was also highlighted this month as Havana TV aired a program on 20 April documenting the many Cuban women serving there.

2. Back on the home front, the director of Cuba's immunology institute made the bold statement on Tele-Rebelde that the spread of AIDS had been halted on the island. Although the TV report was sketchy, a MIAMI HERALD story on the same report said the official reported that Cuba had put everyone with the disease in a special isolation facility which was described as a "monument to national dignity."

3. With regard to less physical and more spiritual matters, the bureau opened briefly on Sunday, 10 April, to monitor a report on an interview with the head of the party's religious affairs department. The interview seemed to serve as a prelude

to the visit later in the month by Cardinal O'Connor of New York, whose subsequent meetings with Fidel and Vice President Carlos Rafael Rodriguez received top media billing.

B. Technical

1. All of Deputy Chief [ ] preparatory work paid off in anticipation of our 20 April changeover to the new FBIS message format. As a result, HQS said "if all bureau's do as well, we are home free."

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2. The bureau family of PC's increased by one this month as we slowly continued our creep toward modernization. Even the bureau chief, a holdover Luddite, no longer has any excuse for using his faithful Selectric typewriter now that he has inherited one of the original IBM PC's we first received back in 1985.

3. Bureau engineer [ ] discovered some of the few remaining spots on earth that still sell phone patch equipment, which no longer seem to be produced. In scouring the proverbial four corners, he found limited supplies in Orlando and Ft Lauderdale. We quickly bought two for ourselves and alerted FED to the existence of the others.

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C. Liaison

The bureau served as relay point on 19 April in faxing an urgent newspaper article from the USIS representative in San Salvador to Washington for Assistant Secretary of State Elliot Abrams. Panama contractor [ ] suggested we might be of help when the embassy had technical difficulties making contact with State.

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D. Cruising

1. The bureau's coverage of the Dominican Republic improved somewhat about mid-month when two shortwave transmitters began carrying Radio Mil newscasts on a limited basis from day to day. However, coverage was frequently interrupted by intermittent breakdowns and unpredictable broadcast schedules. Our medium-wave reception will probably continue to deteriorate because of more and more interference from other transmitters, especially Cuban, using Dominican frequencies.

2. Our coverage of Suriname continued to be hampered this month by other stations interfering with our reception of Paramaribo's daily 10-minute shortwave news broadcast in English. At month's end, we were anxiously awaiting a promised frequency shift which should allow us to hear the news again from that part of the world.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. Teletypist [ ] joined us on 18 April. With her STAT  
EOD, our communications section is now at a full complement for the  
first time in many years.

2. The bureau began interviewing local candidates to  
replace [ ], our long-time engineer who plans to retire STAT  
next year.

#### B. Buildings and Grounds

1. Repair to the bureau roof was interrupted late in the  
month when the contractor, "exasperated" with Navy "harassment,"  
pulled his crew off the job, saying he was never working for the  
Navy anywhere again. On the negative side, we are now back to the  
bidding stage. On a more positive note, our first rain in six  
weeks--a gully washer complete with pyrotechnic lightning on the  
last day of the month--did not penetrate the "temporary" patch that  
continues to keep us dry.

2. As part of our maintenance of the housing project, we  
had the back porches of several units screened this month. We also  
began installing overhead fans in the houses to cut back on air  
conditioning costs. Slowly but surely our housing is taking on some  
native Key West features, a distinct improvement over the canned  
Navy look.

### IV. VISITS

#### A. To the bureau:

STAT We played host this month to a number of reservists  
participating in Operation Ocean Venture. Among the visitors was  
[ ] who works in P&PD and who is scheduled for an  
upcoming orientation week at FBIS HQS.

#### B. From the bureau:

The bureau chief to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 12-15 April.

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Chief, Key West Bureau

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Attachments: Nonexpendable Property Report  
Production Report

cc: C/Panama Bureau, C/Paraguay Bureau

NONEXPENDABLE PROPERTY  
MONTHLY REPORT, KEY WEST BUREAU  
April 1988

PROPERTY RECEIVED: 1 ea Modem, TrailBlazer Plus, Mdl. T18SA,  
SN: 118070192.

1 ea Computer, Victor VCP IIe, Mdl. 26741,  
SN: 801010317 w/Keyboard and Monochrome  
Monitor.

PROPERTY TRANSFERRED: None.

PROPERTY DISPOSED: None.

## KEY WEST BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR APRIL 1988

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 146,070

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 52,730

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 503

	BROADCAST	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	2,575	14,700	21
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER WEEK	MIN	MIN	ISSUES
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:			
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

## BAHAMAS

Nassau Domestic Service	<u>-0-</u>		
in English			

Nassau THE TRIBUNE			<u>-0-</u>
in English			

## BARBADOS

Bridgetown CANA		<u>31,840</u>	
in English			

Bridgetown ADVOCATE			<u>-0-</u>
in English			

Bridgetown SUNDAY ADVOCATE			<u>-0-</u>
in English			

## BELIZE

Belize City Domestic Service	<u>1,250</u>		
in English or Spanish			

Belize Times			<u>-0-</u>
in English			

## CUBA

Havana Radio Progreso Network	<u>6,690</u>		
in Spanish			

Havana Radio Reloj Network	<u>14,230</u>		
in Spanish			

Havana Radio Rebelde Network	<u>1,540</u>		
in Spanish			

Havana Radio Periodico Del Aire	<u>-0-</u>		
in Spanish			

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## CUBA

Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>28,370</u>
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Havana Television Cubana Network in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Havana Television Service in Spanish	<u>11,640</u>
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## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Santo Domingo Radio Popular in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Santo Domingo Radio Mil Network in Spanish	<u>1,680</u>
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Santo Domingo LISTIN DIARIO in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Nationale in Creole	<u>7,920</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Nationale in French	<u>-0-</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Antilles Internationales in French	<u>2,720</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Antilles Internationales in Creole	<u>1,030</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Haiti-Inter in Creole	<u>1,450</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Haiti-Inter in French	<u>-0-</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Lumiere Network in Creole	<u>-0-</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Lumiere Network in French	<u>-0-</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Metropole in Creole	<u>2,490</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Metropole in French	<u>6,340</u>	
Port-au-Prince Radio Soleil Network in Creole	<u>12,660</u>	
Port-au-Prince Radio Soleil Network in French	<u>-0-</u>	
Port-au-Prince Domestic Service in Creole	<u>-0-</u>	
Port-au-Prince Domestic Service in French	<u>-0-</u>	
<b>JAMAICA</b>		
Kingston Domestic Service in English	<u>-0-</u>	
Kingston DAILY GLEANER in English		<u>-0-</u>
Kingston SUNDAY GLEANER in English		<u>-0-</u>
<b>MEXICO</b>		
Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish		<u>9,570</u>
<b>NETHERLANDS ANTILLES</b>		
Bonaire Trans World Radio in English	<u>2,590</u>	
<b>THE NETHERLANDS</b>		
Hilversum International Service in English	<u>-0-</u>	
<b>SURINAME</b>		
Paramaribo International Service in English	<u>1,110</u>	
<b>OTHER SOURCES:</b>		
<b>HAITI</b>		
Port-au-Prince Le Progressiste Haitien in French		<u>580</u>
<b>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</b>		
Santo Domingo Cadena Brea Pena in Spanish	<u>370</u>	